

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification and Figures 1 and 19 are amended to correct minor informalities contained therein. No new matter is added. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-25. For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

The drawings are objected to for containing minor informalities. Fig. 1 is amended to remove references numerals "13" and "14" and to properly identify the sheet supply trays 11, 11A, 11B, 11C and 11D as described on page 10, lines 8-22 of the specification. Fig. 19 is amended to correctly recite "YES" and "NO" in step S12. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all the inconsistencies in the drawings, which were identified on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, have been corrected. It is respectfully requested that the replacement drawing sheets be entered and that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The specification is objected to for containing a minor informality. The specification is amended responsive to the objection. It is respectfully requested that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Applicant submits herewith replacement sheets 1-34 including formal versions of Figures 1-45. It is respectfully requested that the replacement sheets be acknowledged and entered.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

Replacement Drawing Sheets 1-34 including FIGS. 1-45

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets make changes to Figs. 1 and 19 and replace the original sheets with Figs. 1 and 19.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets